

## THE HISTORY OF KNOLL LODGE

THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF KNOLL LODGE WAS HELD ON APRIL 15, 1919. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN J. C. KESSLER. AD. COOLEY WAS APPOINTED AS TEMPORARY SECRETARY. COOLEY TALKED OF CONTACTING WALTER TAVENER, REGARDING USE OF AN OLD CAMPING SITE IN HIS TIMBER. IT WAS AGREEABLE WITH WALTER FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO USE IT. A COMMITTEE OF FIVE WAS APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE PLANS AND COSTS OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. THE COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING; CHAS SCHNETZLER CHAIRMAN, A. B. CLAUDON, E.B. RAMSEY, AD. COOLEY, OWEN BAILEY. A LIST OF TWENTY CHARTER MEMBERS WAS READ AND THE NUMBER HELD TO THAT AMOUNT.

THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND TO LOCATION AND LEASE WAS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING; DR. DAN BREWER, HUGH PENCE, CHAS SCHNETZLER, F. M. McDOWELL WITH AD. COOLEY AS CHAIRMAN. A COMMITTEE OF FIVE WAS APPOINTED TO DRAW UP CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING; ELMER RAMSEY CHAIRMAN CHAS GREGG, NEWTON FULTON, G. B. SPENCE, AND HENRY NUSSBAUM. THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING; J. C. KESSLER, CHAIRMAN, AD. COOLEY, FRANK SHAW, N.W. HANSON, AND JACK FUGATE. DUES WERE SET AT \$25.00 PER YEAR. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS; J. C. KESSLER, HUGH PENCE, F. M. McDOWELL, JACK FUGATE, DR. DAN BREWER, ELMER RAMSEY, CHAS GREGG, N. W. HANSON, AD COOLEY, OWEN BAILEY, WILLIAM MORRIS, ED KESSLER AND SCHNETZLER

THE SECOND MEETING WAS ON APRIL 25, 1919. THE MEETING WAS CALLED BY CHAIRMAN J. C. KESSLER. THE PROPOSED BUILDING SITE IN THE TAVENER WOODS WAS DROPPED, BUT THE SITE ON THE CLAUDON LAND CALLED "HAYSTACK KNOLL" WAS SELECTED. THE RENT OF \$15.00 PER ANNUM WAS AGREED ON. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED; PRESIDENT, J.C. KESSLER; VICE PRESIDENT, AD. COOLEY, SECRETARY; OWEN BAILEY, TREASURER; A. B. CLAUDON JR.

DIRECTORS WERE; HUGH PENCE, DR. DAN BREWER, CHAS SCHNETZLER, HENRY NUSSBAUM, CHAS GREGG. THE COST OF THE BUILDING WAS ESTIMATED AT \$450.00 AND \$30.00 WAS TO BE COLLECTED FROM EACH MEMBER.

THE APRIL 25, 1919 MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KESSLER AND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WERE READ AND ADAPTED. THE LEASE WAS READ AND ADAPTED. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTED THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$472.00 FOR THE BUILDING. THE BOARD WAS INSTRUCTED TO PROCEDE WITH BUILDING.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT A. B. CLAUDON AND F. L. CHURCHILL BE DESIGNATED AS HONORARY MEMBERS, CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT; J. C. KESSLER, CHAS SCHNETZLER, H. PENCE ELMER RAMSEY, DR. DAN BREWER, CHAS GREGG, JACK FUGATE, WM MORRIS HENRY NUSSBAUM, F. M. McDOWELL, G. B. SPENCE, AD. COOLEY, A. B. CLAUDON JR. OWEN BAILEY, AND N. W. HANSON

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED ON JUNE 23, 1919 TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING BILLS;

S. R. CORMISH LUMBER CO.	LUMBER SUPPLIES	\$ 289.59
H. SCHNETZLER AND SON	LUMBER SUPPLIES	\$ 437.33
E. B. RAMSEY	TORNADO INS.	\$ 3.52
WALTON BROS. CO.	FIRE INSURANCE	\$ 10.34
WALTON BROS. CO.	STEP LADDER	\$ 2.25

T. W. BURNS	WELL	\$ 5.00
C. B. DAY	PUMP SCREEN	\$ 1.90
GEORGE ARMBUSTER	PUMP	\$ 9.80
W. A. KESSLER	LABOR	\$ 2.00
E. BILLS	DRIVING JOINT	\$ .25
WAYMAN BRADLEY	LABOR	\$ 1.75
J. C. KESSLER	BROOM	\$ .75
GRANT DUZENBERRY	CUPBOARD	\$ 5.00
HIBSCH BROS	BLOCK LABOR	\$ 15.91
AD. COOLEY	ICE BOX	\$ 11.50
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		\$ 796.89

F.M. McDOWELL, LOUIS DIRKS, AND CHAS. GREGG RESIGNED AND WILLIAM ANDERSON, DR. J. H. LANGSTAFF, AND BERT SLAUGHTER REPLACED THEM SPENCE REPLACED GREGG AS DIRECTOR. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO SET ASIDE JUNE 27, 1919 AS DEDICATORY OPENING NIGHT, AND \$ 85.00 TAKEN FROM THE TREASURY TO FINANCE IT. RAMSEY, SLAUGHTER, AND MORRIS WERE IN CHARGE.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS READ AS FOLLOWS;

#### ARTICLE 14

SEC. 1. THE ORIGINAL COST OF JOINING THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE  
CONSIDERED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS \$ 35.00

SEC. 2. IN EVENT ANY MEMBER SHALL BE EXPELLED FROM THE ORGANIZATION  
FOR NONFULFILLMENT OF ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS, SAID MEMBER SHALL BE  
REIMBURSED, SUCH AMOUNT ONLY AS THE MEMBERS BY MAJORITY VOTE MAY DETERMINE.  
BUT IN NO CASE SHALL THE AMOUNT EXCEED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS [\$35.00].

#### ARTICLE 15

IT SHALL BE A RULE OF THIS ORGANIZATION THAT EACH MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO FULFILL HIS INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS, RELATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE  
AND IMPROVEMENT OF SAME.

#### HOUSE AND GROUND RULES

THE FOLLOWING HOUSE AND GROUND RULES WERE ADAPTED;

1. COMMENCING AT 12 O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAYS TO 8 O'CLOCK  
P.M. ON TUESDAY THE LADIES OF MEMBERS MAY ENJOY THE PRIVILEGES AND ADVANTAGES  
OF THE CLUB, WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF KNOB LODGE.

2. GUESTS NOT TO EXCEED THREE [3] PER MEMBER AT ANY ONE TIME MAY  
BE ENTERTAINED AT THIS LODGE AS PROVIDED FOR AND CONTAINED IN SEC.[1]  
ARTICLE [7] OF THE BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

3. ANY MEMBER PREPARING MEALS AT SAID LODGE SHALL WASH AND TIDY  
THE KITCHEN UTENSILS AND SWEEP THE FLOOR [OR MOP WHEN NECESSARY] AND PUT  
AND KEEP EVERYTHING IN AS GOOD SHAPE OR BETTER THAN BEFORE USING.

4. ALL MEMBERS DRIVING ONTO THE GROUNDS IN CARS ARE REQUESTED TO  
PARK SAME ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LAWN FACING THE NORTH, THEREBY NOT  
DRIVING OVER AND KILLING ANY MORE GRASS THAN IS NECESSARY.

ADA CHESEBRO INCREASED THE LEASE ON THE LODGE GROUNDS TO \$100.00  
PER YEAR, IN 1950. A PORTABLE ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT WAS PURCHASED FROM  
HARLEY HONEGGER FOR THE SUM OF \$ 275.00, IN 1950. THE VERMILLION RIVER  
WAS DREDGED IN 1952

THE IDEA OF EACH MEMBER ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF ONE MEAL DURING THE  
YEAR ORIGINATED ON 05 MAY 1953. THE FIRST OFFICIAL KNOB LODGE ANNUAL  
MEETING WAS HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE IN 1954. A MOTION WAS PASSED AT A SPEC-  
IAL MEETING ON JUNE 24, 1957 TO INSTALL AN ELECTRIC HIGH LINE TO THE LODGE.  
THE HORSESHOE COURT AND LIGHT POLES WERE INSTALLED IN 1958. NEW KITCHEN

COUNTER AND CUPBOARDS WERE INSTALLED IN 1962. A NEW GAS STOVE IN 1966.

IN 1945 INITIATION FEE WAS \$ 10.00	ANNUAL DUES \$ 6.00
IN 1946 " " " \$ 15.00	" " \$ 10.00
IN 1955 " " " \$ 40.00	" " \$ 10.00
IN 1958 " " " \$ 100.00	" " \$ 10.00
IN 1976 " " " \$ 100.00	" " \$ 25.00

WALTER PATERNOSTER WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT IN 1966.

KNOLL LODGE CELEBRATED ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1969.

DR. EARL H. VOIGT WAS ELECTED SEC.- TREAS IN 1970.

THE LIMIT ON MEMBERSHIP WAS RAISED FROM 25 TO 30 MEMBERS IN 1977. A NEW STEAK GRILL WAS BUILT, AND A CANOPY ERECTED, BY DEAN MOSER AND LYLE HONEGGER, IN 1981. A NEW OUTHOUSE WAS ERECTED IN 1983 BY THE SAME TWO MEMBERS. CLIFF ZIEGENHORN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT ON 03-MAY-1984 TO SUCCEED WALTER PATERNOSTER.

IN 1986 HARVEY TRAUB'S MOTION THAT THE OFFICERS APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE, WAS SECONDED BY HIS BROTHER JOHN, AND PASSED. THIS COMMITTEE WOULD BRING TO THE CLUB THE NAMES OF THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WITHOUT ANY WORD TO THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS UNTIL THE MEMBER OR MEMBERS HAD BEEN VOTED ON AND APPROVED. ANY NEW MEMBER MUST RECEIVE 75 % OF THE VOTES OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.

A COMMITTEE, HEADED BY JOHN ZIEGENHORN, PUT VINYL SIDING ON THE CLUB HOUSE AND INSTALLED SEVERAL NEW WINDOWS, IN 1986. THE INSIDE WAS PARTIALLY PANELED AND NEW COAT HOOKS WERE INSTALLED AT THE SAME TIME. PLASTER BOARD WAS PUT AROUND THE OUTSIDE PERIMITER OF THE CLUB HOUSE TO A DEPTH OF 18 INCHES TO KEEP THE GROUND HOGS OUT. CEMENT CATTLE FLOOR SLATS WERE FURNISHED BY LYLE HONEGGER AND LAID ALONG THE EAST AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE CLUB HOUSE AND THAN FILLED WITH A GOOD GRADE OF GRAVEL. THE COST OF THIS OPERATION WAS ABOUT \$ 2000.00. A NEW WELL WAS DUG BY LOREN FRENCH AND A RED JACKET PUMP INSTALLED AT A COST OF \$ 779.00, IN 1986. WARREN BECKLEY EXCHANGED THE RED JACKET PUMP FOR THE OLD ELECTRIC WATER SYSTEM.

A COMPLETE ROSTER OF KNOLL LODGE MEMBERS

1. J. C. KESSLER [C]	01-MAY-1919	PRESIDENT UNTIL 1947	OUT 1947
2. J. F. McDOWELL [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1919
3. ADDISON COOLEY [C]	01-MAY-1919	FIRST V P	OUT 1920
4. BERT CLAUDON JR [C]	01-MAY-1919	FIRST TREASURER	OUT 1926
5. WILLIAM MORRIS [C]	01-MAY-1919	PRESIDENT 1953-1966	OUT 1970
6. H.W. NUSSBAUM [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1948
7. ELMER B. RAMSEY [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1920
8. JOHN R. FUGATE [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1927
9. G. B. SPENCE [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1937
10. EDW. G. KESSLER [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1932
11. DR. DAN BREWER [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1919
12. CHAS GREGG [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1921
13. FRANK SHAW [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1934
14. CHAS J. MERIT [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1920
15. OWEN R. BAILEY [C]	01-MAY-1919	FIRST SECRETARY	OUT 1940
16. HUGH W. PENCE [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1961
17. N. WES HANSON [C]	01-MAY-1919	DIED 26-JULY 1961	OUT 1922
18. N. E. FULTON [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1928
19. CHAS SCHNETZLER [C]	01-MAY-1919		OUT 1919
20. LOUIS DIRKS [C]	01-MAY-1919		

21. DR. J.H. LANGSTAFF	23-JUNE-1919		OUT 1932
22. Wm. ANDERSON	23-JUNE-1919		OUT 1945
23. B. C. SLAUGHTER	23-JUNE-1919		OUT 1927
24. A.B. CLAUDON SR.	01-MAY-1919	HONORARY LTM	OUT 1926
25. FRANK CHURCHILL	01-MAY-1919	HONORARY LTM	OUT 1920
26. JAMES CHURCHILL	04-MAY-1920	HONORARY LTM	OUT 1926
27. HERBERT GREEN	29-MAR-1920		OUT 1927
28. CARL HERZOG	05-MAY-1921		OUT 1925
29. J.H. MCFADDEN	05-MAY-1921		OUT 1955
30. DRA SHANKS	25-FEB-1922		OUT 1956
31. T.D. KARNES	22-SEPT-1923		OUT 1945
32. JAMES WOODS	22-SEPT-1923		OUT 1939
33. W.H. BARTLETT	22-SEPT-1923		OUT 1942
34. EDGAR BEST	22-SEPT-1923		OUT 1929
35. C.W. VEATCH	28-MAY-1925	MADE HONORARY LTM 1947	OUT 1947
36. JAMES PATTERSON	10-JUNE-1927	MADE HONORARY LTM 1973	OUT 1973
37. BERT MONROE	23-JUNE-1927		OUT 1952
38. FRANK MORAN	23-JUNE-1927	MADE HONORARY LTM 1944	OUT 1944
39. WALLACE HEMPHILL	23-JUNE-1927		OUT 1933
40. STANLEY PERLEE	05-JUN-1928	MADE HONORARY LTM 1942	OUT 1942
41. DR. H.N. LEONARD	07-APR-1929		OUT 1933
42. G.A. SUTTON	02-MAY-1932		OUT 1941
43. G.A. HECKMAN	17-JUN-1932		OUT 1942
44. G.A. FRANZEN	06-JULY-1933		OUT 1942
45. LLOYD BORNGASSER	11-MAY-1934		OUT 1961
46. HARRY KLOPFENSTEIN	21-MAY-1935	PRESIDENT 1947-1953	OUT 1962 ?
47. BEN SUTTER	23-OCT-1936		OUT 1947
48. AARON STEIDINGER	04-MAY-1937	MADE HONORARY LTM 1983	OUT
49. C.H. THOMPSON	22-JULY-1937		OUT 1938
50. R.W. JACOBS	02-MAY-1939		OUT 1950
51. GEORGE MOWRY	02-MAY-1939	DIED 06 APRIL 1962	OUT 1962
52. WILLARD BARCLAY	20-NOV-1939		OUT 1958
53. DR. E.M. GERDES	01-MAY-1942	SECRETARY 1942-1970	OUT 1973
54. WOODFORD CHURCHILL	06-MAY-1941	HONORARY LTM	
55. LOUIS HEINS	01-MAY-1941		OUT 1970
56. C.A. BEERS	12-MAY-1942	MADE HONORARY LTM 1970	OUT 1970
57. SILAS MOSER	12-MAY-1942		OUT 1950
58. DR. H.N. LEONARD	12-MAY-1942		OUT 1948
59. CLAIR WESTERVELT	12-MAY-1942		OUT 1951
60. W.J. MILLER	02-MAY-1944		
61. C.J. HADAWAY	01-MAY-1945	MADE HONORARY LTM 1984	
62. C. EDWARD BACH	01-MAY-1945		
63. ELI SCHLIFF	07-MAY-1946	DIED 07 DEC 1978	OUT 1978
64. ROY TAYLOR	06-MAY-1947		
65. ELI MOSER	29-JULY-1947		OUT 1950
66. ELMER CHESEBRO	06-MAY-1941	HONORARY LTM	OUT
67. EDWARD ERDMAN	12-MAY-1949		OUT 1953
68. IRA KILGUS	12-MAY-1949	MADE HONORARY LTM 1970	OUT 1972
69. DEAN WILLIAMS	03-MAY-1950	DIED 24 NOV 1976	OUT 1976
70. REUBEN R. FULLER	03-MAY-1950		
71. MAYNARD E. TARRY	06-MAY-1952		
72. CLIFFORD STEPHENS	06-MAY-1952		
73. C.F. HEINS	04-JUNE-1932		
74. N.E. DEFRIES	05-MAY-1953	DIED 20 SEPT 1958	OUT 1958
75. J.G. MASTERTON	02-MAY-1955	DIED 16 SEPT 1967	OUT 1967

76. WARREN BECKLEY	07-MAY-1956			
77. JOSEPH V. KUNTZ	08-MAY-1958	MADE HONORARY LTM 1983		OUT 1983
78. CLIFFORD B. ZIEGENHORN	04-MAY-1959	PRESIDENT 1984-		
79. WALTER PATERNOSTER	03-MAY-1962	PRESIDENT 1966-1983 DIED 10-OCT 1983		
80. DR. EARL H. VOIGT	03-MAY-1962	SECRETARY-TREASURE 1970-		
81. ORVILLE LANGE	03-MAY 1962		OUT 1979	
82. FLOYD STAFFORD	09-MAY-1963		OUT 1979	
83. JOHN W. ZIEGENHORN	01-MAY-1967			
84. JOHN R. GOOLD	13-MAY-1968			
85. LYLE HONEGGER	13-MAY-1968			
86. GEORGE KINATE	13-MAY-1968			
87. ROYCE CARTER	13-MAY-1968			
88. DEAN BROQUARD	20-MAY-1970			
89. ROBERT HEAD	20-MAY-1970			
90. MILTON KINATE	20-MAY-1970			
91. HARTFORD PRICE	20-MAY-1970			
92. HARVEY TRAUB	17-MAY-1973			
93. JOHN TRAUB	17-MAY-1973			
94. CARL BORGASSER	05-MAY-1977			
95. ROGER DUFFY	05-MAY-1977			
96. DEAN MOSER	05-MAY-1977			
97. JAMES PATERNOSTER	05-MAY-1977			
98. VIRGIL HULSE	03-MAY-1979			
99. LOUIS RETTER	03-MAY-1979			
100. JERRY SCHAHRRER	03-MAY-1979			
101. DONALD SHOBE	03-MAY-1979			
102. JAY GOOLD	12-MAY-1983			
103. GORDON KINATE	12-MAY-1983			
104. JACK TRAINOR	12-MAY-1983			
105. HAROLD WARD	03-MAY-1984			



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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of  
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Established 1919

13 MAY 1993

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Section 1-Name: This organization shall be known as Knoll Lodge.

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1. Organization: This organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and a Board of Directors as elected by the membership and as permitted by the By-Laws. This organization shall be composed of a total of thirty (30) active members, including the officers and Board of Directors, and as many senior members and honorary members as shall be elected by the active membership. Senior members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges, including the right to vote on any matter that may come before the lodge, but shall not be expected to prepare any meals. Honorary members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be expected to prepare any meals.

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